

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

DeWINE, Michael (Republican)
Senior Senator from Ohio
Elected (1994) to US Senate; reelected
Present term expires January 2007



BACKGROUND

Born: Springfield, Ohio - 5 January 1947
Home: Cedarville, Ohio
Marital status: Married (Frances) - 7 children (1 deceased)
Religion: Roman Catholic
Education: Miami U of Ohio, B.S. 1969; Ohio North U., J.D. 1972
Military: None specified
Profession: Public official; lawyer
Political: Greene County prosecuting attorney, 1977-80; Ohio Senate, 1981-82; US House, 1982-90; Ohio lt. governor, 1991-94; Defeated Joel Hyatt (D) with 53% of the vote in the 1994 race to succeed the retiring Sen Howard Metzenbaum (D-OH). Reelected in 2000 with 60%.

Sen DeWine is a conservative. In the 106th Congress, intro, with Sen Voinovich, S. 2674, the DoD Civilian Workforce Realignment Act.

At beginning of the 107th Congress, introduced, with others, a resolution stressing the importance of US foreign assistance programs. Offered an amdt to the budget resolution to provide additional funding for the Coast Guard for FY 02. Suggested that the close Nicaraguan Presidential election should serve as a wake-up call to the US that we need to start paying attention to Nicaragua and all of the Central American countries if we do not want communism to regain a foothold. Noted that only 43% of the country supports democracy. Cosponsored an amdt containing a Troops to Teachers provision, noting that he had to fight last year to keep the program afloat. Commended the sponsors of S. 1618, Enhanced Border Security, and S. 1627, Visa Entry Reform Act, who he believed had excellent ideas and were headed in the right direction. Introduced, with others, S. 480, the Unborn Victims of Violence Act. Cited examples of violent acts the bill was intended to address, including the 1996 actions by Airman Gregory Robbins, USAF, at WPAFB OH, and discussed efforts of AF prosecutors to bring a case against Robbins. Intro, with others, S. 2816, the Foreign and Armed Services Tax Fairness Act. Intro S. 540, Reserve Component Tax Assistance Act. Expressed support for fast track trade authority; believed the European Union was not going to sit idle and let the US gain control of new markets in Central and South America—believed open markets are vital for developing countries to overcome poverty and that the US should be leading the way in this hemisphere. Paid tribute to Maj Gen Timothy P. Malishenko, USAF, upon his retirement. Secured \$200 million in the DoD Appns bill for state of local projects. The President's budget drained money from S&T work done at WPAFB research labs while increasing funding for expensive high-tech weapons and military pay. Sen DeWine and other members of the Ohio delegation have worked almost yearly to restore funding to the S&T program. Supported the Andean Trade Preference Expansion Act.

Additional: Member, Senate Air Force Caucus

AF Bases: Wright-Patterson AFB; Minor Bases and Reserve Forces

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